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SUBJECT Dismantling of Ammunition Dump and Plant
Poison Gas Allegedly Produced near Dessau

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1. In early June 1947, the Russians began to remove assorted stocks of German artillery ammunition from the Bad Salzungen (H74) potash mines. Several hundred women were conscripted to remove and clean the ammunition, which was then loaded on freight cars and shipped eastward. It had originally been planned to demolish this depot.
2. During May and June, the underground ammunition plant in Lossa (J59) was completely dismantled. Machines and equipment of this factory, which produced torpedoes and liquid air bombs during the war, were shipped to an unknown destination. The factory was demolished at the end of June.
3. The Kapen AG, near Dessau, is alleged to be producing poison gas for the Russians. A high percentage of the German employees, suffering from burns and blisters, are regular patients at the Dessau hospital. The Russians have forbidden the labor inspectorate to investigate the firm.

25X1A6a Comment: A November-December 1946 report, evaluated
stated that Marshal Sokolovsky had ordered the immediate re-
processing of 11,500 tons of various gases at a camp near Dessau.
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that thirty chemists had been assigned to work in the Kapen
plant where, it was believed, they were to neutralize a large
stock of poison gas.

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